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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JAVIER ESPINOZA RODRIGUEZ,

Petitioner,

v.

JOHN C. MARSHALL, Warden,

Respondent.

08-CV-1007 H (CAB)

**REQUEST FOR FIRST
ENLARGEMENT OF TIME TO
FILE RESPONDENT'S MOTION
TO DISMISS HABEAS PETITION
(28 U.S.C. §2254)**

I, Erika Hiramatsu, declare the following under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States:

I am the deputy attorney general assigned to prepare Respondent's Motion to Dismiss Petitioner's habeas petition pursuant to this Court's July 8, 2008, Order in the above-entitled matter.

This is Respondent's first request for enlargement of time to file Respondent's Motion to Dismiss, which is due today, August 25, 2008.

While mindful of this Court's order that a request for an extension of time should be made in advance of the due date of the pleading, I respectfully request time to file the Motion be enlarged fifteen (15) days to and including September 9, 2008, for the following reasons:

1 According to my records, our office's closed file from Petitioner's direct appeal was
2 requested from off-site storage on or about July 11, 2008. I was not involved in Petitioner's direct
3 appeal and have no prior familiarity with his case. This matter was assigned to me on August 4,
4 2008. Although the file from appeal has yet to be located/delivered to me, I recently determined that
5 documents Respondent has obtained from the state courts, along with documents filed in this Court
6 by Petitioner, are sufficient to assert bases for a Motion to Dismiss.

7 My delay in filing a request for enlargement of time to file the Motion to Dismiss was due
8 in part by the continued delay in locating our office's direct appeal file, my hope that I could draft
9 the Motion prior to the due date, finding additional arguments to raise in the Motion, work on other
10 matters assigned to me, and a debilitating migraine headache on Friday, August 22, 2008.

11 Petitioner is serving a state prison sentence of fourteen years, four months after a jury
12 found him guilty of burglary (Cal. Penal Code § 459), attempting to dissuade a witness from
13 reporting a crime (Cal. Penal Code § 136.1(b)(1)), having a concealed firearm in a vehicle while
14 being an active participant of a criminal street gang (Cal. Penal Code § 12025(a)(1)), and carrying
15 a loaded weapon while an active participant of a criminal street gang (Cal. Penal Code
16 § 12031(a)(1)). The jury also found true that Petitioner personally used the firearm while attempting
17 to dissuade the witness (Cal. Penal Code § 12022.5(a)(1)), and the trial court separately determined
18 Petitioner had a prior serious or felony conviction under the "Three Strikes" law (Cal. Penal Code
19 §§ 667(b)-(i), 1170.12(a)-(d)). The California Supreme Court denied Petitioner's petition for review
20 on July 20, 2005. Petitioner filed his first state collateral action in July 2006.

21 In addition to this case, I have been working on Respondent's Answer to a federal habeas
22 petition in *Woodall v. Hernandez*, No. 08-CV-1132 BTM (RBB) (S.D. Cal.), due Aug. 29, 2008,
23 which I completed and submitted for supervisory review on Friday, August 22, 2008. I am also
24 assigned to a case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, *Burton v. Adams*, No. 08-71762, to draft
25 a Response to Petitioner's application for authorization to file a second or successive 28 U.S.C.
26 § 2254 habeas corpus petition in the district court. The Response is due September 8, 2008, after
27 one 30-day enlargement of time.

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1 An enlargement of time to file a Motion to Dismiss is required to allow sufficient time for
2 its supervisory review, revision, and clerical processing, as my assigned secretary is on vacation
3 until September 1, 2008.

4 For these reasons, I respectfully request the time for filing Respondent's Motion to
5 Dismiss be enlarged to and including **September 9, 2008**.

6 Dated: August 25, 2008

7 Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Case Name: **Javier Espinoza Rodriguez v. John C. Marshall, Warden**

No.: **08-CV-1007 H (CAB)**

I declare:

On August 25, 2008, I electronically filed the following document(s):

- **REQUEST FOR FIRST ENLARGEMENT OF TIME TO FILE RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO DISMISS HABEAS PETITION (28 U.S.C. § 2254)**
- **[PROPOSED] ORDER**

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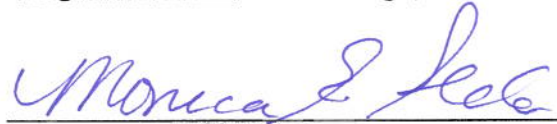
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on August 25, 2008, at San Diego, California.

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Signature